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THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Frank Rhodes  
President  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY

Dear Frank:

I am just on the point of leaving Stanford; but my secretary in New York gave me a precis of your letter by telephone. This concerned your proposed application to the Commonwealth Fund for Cornell University Medical College.

Certainly I would wish to lend every possible support to means for strengthening and sustaining the Medical College. All three of the facets of the application are of deep interest to us here; and I would be happy to work with Ted Cooper in any way and to whatever degree you wished, both in vetting the application and in providing testimony of the depth and essentiality of The Rockefeller University's interest in its success.

There will be reasons to look into avenues of explicit cooperation between the institutions in many areas. Operationally, the library problem manifestly should be approached as a regional challenge, and I would hope this is one element that we might start to plan as an explicit joint venture, before other commitments are made on a narrower intramural frame.

I did not learn what your timetable was, but I will be available promptly after Labor Day for further discussions. As I understand you will be at the Medical College for the orientation sessions on September 6, perhaps that might give us some occasion for some further conversation, however brief; and if so I hope that Dr. Cooper and Mr. Nichols here might also join us.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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